**Remarks/Arguments:**

Claims 1 through 22 have been replaced by new claims 23 through and 35. Consideration and allowance of claims 23 through 35 are respectfully requested.

The objection to the disclosure is moot in view of the cancellation of claim 8.

Applicant's invention is directed to a timing system and method by which a person is alerted that the time period for the permitted parking of a vehicle at a selected parking location will expire in a predetermined period of time. The user enters data relating to (a) a selected location for parking a vehicle, and (b) the day, the time, and the duration that the vehicle is being parked at the selected location. The entered data relating to the selected parking location causes stored data relating to the parking regulations associated with the selected parking location to be accessed and the entered data relating to the day, the time, and the duration that the vehicle is being parked at the selected location is processed against the accessed data relating to parking regulations associated with the selected parking locations to determine if parking the vehicle at the selected parking location is permitted and when the time that the parking is permitted will expire.

Applicant's invention is clearly different from a parking meter, such as the computerized parking meter of U.S. 5,442,348 to Mushell. Newly added independent claims 23 and 31 define Applicant's invention in somewhat more detail than did claims 1, 16, 17, 21, and 22 and better distinguish Applicant's, as defined by claims 23 and 30, from the computerized parking meter disclosed in the Mushell reference.

Specifically, there is no disclosure or suggestion in the Mushell reference of a unit, such as the one defined by claim 23, that has:

> "data storage means for storing sets of data relating to:
> (a) parking locations at which a vehicle is to be parked, and
> (b) parking regulations, individually associated with the parking locations....
>
> data entry means for entering data relating to:
> (a) a selected one of the stored parking locations....
>
> means for:
> (a) accessing....the stored data relating to the parking regulations associated with the selected parking location, and

(b) processing:

(1) the entered data relating to the day of the week that a vehicle is to be parked at the selected parking location,

(2) the entered data relating to the time of the day that a vehicle is to be parked at the selected parking location, and

(3) the entered data relating to the period of time that a vehicle is to be parked at the selected parking location

with the accessed data relating to the parking regulations associated with the selected parking location ...." (emphasis added)

Parking meters, such as the Mushell computerized parking meter, do not store sets of data relating to a plurality of parking locations and data relating to parking regulations individually associated with the parking locations. Parking meters, such as the Mushell computerized parking meter, simply do not, in response to the insertion of a coin, for example, access one set of a plurality of sets of data relating to a plurality of parking locations and one set of a plurality of sets of data relating to parking regulations associated with the parking locations because a parking meter does not store sets of data relating to a plurality of parking locations and data relating to parking regulations individually associated with the parking locations.

Likewise, there is no disclosure or suggestion in the Mushell reference of a method, such as the one defined by claim 31, that includes the steps of:

"storing in the data storage means sets of data relating to:

(a) parking locations at which a vehicle is to be parked, and

(b) parking regulations, individually associated with the parking locations....

entering in the data entry means data relating to:

(a) a selected one of the stored parking locations....

accessing....the stored data relating to the parking regulations associated with the selected parking location, and

processing:

(a) the entered data relating to the day of the week that a vehicle is to be parked at the selected parking location,

(b) the entered data relating to the time of the day that a vehicle is to be parked at the selected parking location, and

(c) the entered data relating to the period of time that a vehicle is to be parked at the selected parking location

with the accessed data relating to the parking regulations associated with the selected parking location ...." (emphasis added)

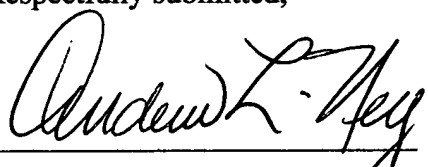
Again, parking meters, such as the Mushell computerized parking meter, do not store sets of data relating to a plurality of parking locations and data relating to parking regulations individually associated with the parking locations. Parking meters, such as the Mushell computerized parking meter, simply do not, in response to the insertion of a coin, for example, access one set of a plurality of sets of data relating to a plurality of parking locations and one set of a plurality of sets of data relating to parking regulations associated with the parking locations because a parking meter does not store sets of data relating to a plurality of parking locations and data relating to parking regulations individually associated with the parking locations.

Claims 24 through 30 and claims 32 through 35 are dependent on claim 23 and claim 31, respectively, and, therefore, distinguish Applicant's invention from the Mushell reference for the same reasons advanced above in connection with claims 23 and 31.

With respect to U.S. 6,526,335 to Treyz et al, applied in the rejection of cancelled claims 5 and 12, and U.S. 5,589,812 to Jones, applied in the rejection of cancelled claim 8, neither of these references makes up for the shortcomings of the Mushell reference.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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